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Background

At 0900 on October 2nd a leak was detected in a pipeline. It has been determined that the damaged pipeline transfers product between Platforms Elly and Ellen. Current Worst Case Discharge is 144,480 gal or 3,440 barrels of crude oil. Around mid-day a sheen was observed over an off-shore area of up to 10 miles long and 5 miles wide. The sheen was reported to the National Response Center. Beta Operating Company LLC, the Responsible Party, has reported that the source has been secured. As of 10/3 there were reports of extensive oiled shoreline, oiled birds and dead fish.

Platforms Elly and Ellen is located 8.6 miles from the Orange County Coast, near Huntington Beach, in approximately 255' of water. It is operated by Beta Operating Company, LLC and Amplified Energy. They have established an ICP and entered Unified Command with the USCG and CA Office of Emergency Services, and CA Department of Fish & Wildlife. NOAA Scientific Support has prepared trajectory models. Beta Operating/Amplified Energy has contracted, MSRC, Patriot Environmental and Witt-O'Briens.

Nine skimming assets were on-scene on 10/3. Skimming and protective booming operations continue with 3,700 feet of boom deployed and 1,218 gallons of separated oil recovered. Aerial overflights for plume delineation continued throughout Sunday. Four Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Technique Teams are deployed as well. The Great Pacific Air Show was taking place in the spill zone on 10/2; events on 10/3 were canceled. Lots of small craft spectators appear to have been impacted and presumably spread some of the oil contamination into local marinas and water ways. Several large vessels have reported oiling. A vessel decon plan is currently being developed. Several beaches in Orange County were also closed Sunday.

EPA Actions

Region 9's Regional Response Team hosted an Incident Specific call on the evening of 10/2 and on the afternoon of 10/3. EPA's RRT Co-Chair, Co-Coordinator and place-based OSCs participated in the meeting. Of note, no dispersants are approved for this region; however, 2 surface washing agents are approved. CA Fish & Wildlife Oil Spill Prevention and Response will provide the information to the UC members. In addition, the OSCs reached out to USCG Sector LA-Long Beach to offer assistance. Three (3) OSCs will deploy to the Incident Command Post on 10/4 to lend aid to incident operations and planning.

Media Interest

High